IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA HAMMOND DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

and

Civil Action No. 2:17-cv-00048

THE STATE OF INDIANA,

Judge

Plaintiffs.

v.

SANITARY DISTRICT OF HAMMOND, INDIANA,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF LODGING OF CONSENT DECREE

The attached Consent Decree is hereby lodged with the Court during a period of public comment. *See* Attach. 1. Until the public comment period is complete, <u>no action is required to be taken by the Court</u> on the proposed Consent Decree.

Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 50.7, and as provided in Section XXII, Paragraph 118 of the Consent Decree, the Department of Justice will publish a notice of the lodging of the Consent Decree in the Federal Register. The public will have thirty (30) days from the date of publication in the Federal Register to submit comments to the United States Department of Justice concerning the Consent Decree.

The Court should <u>not</u> sign the proposed Consent Decree until the public has had an opportunity to comment and the United States has addressed those comments, if any. The United States may withhold its consent to the proposed Consent Decree if the comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the proposed Consent Decree is improper, inappropriate,

inadequate, or not in the public interest. At the conclusion of the public comment period, the United States will: (1) file with the Court any written comments received pertaining to the proposed Consent Decree; and (2) either notify the Court of its withdrawal of the proposed Consent Decree, or respond to comments received and request this Court to approve and enter the proposed Consent Decree.

Therefore, no action is required by the Court until the public comment period expires and the United States moves for entry of the Consent Decree.

Dated: February 3, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 3rd day of February, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF LODGING OF CONSENT DECREE and attached CONSENT DECREE were filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, Hammond Division using the Court's CM/ECF system. Notice of this Electronic Filing will be sent to all parties by operation of the Court's Electronic Filing System.

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